

PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES

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A Memorial Reunion

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WHEATON COLLEGE.

Wheaton College, Mass., Feb. 7.—A course of six lectures on American literature is to be given at Wheaton College during the second semester. These lectures will be given by different speakers and will deal with such topics as "American Literature," "The United States in Its International Relations," "The Americanization of Our Foreign Population," and "The Duties of Women in the Body Politic."

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The annual midwinter reunion of Williams College alumni will be held February 13 at the Waldorf-Astoria and the following day at the Williams Club of New York city. More than a thousand Williams men are expected at the annual Williams dinner February 13 at the Waldorf.

COURSES IN SPOKEN LANGUAGE.

Columbia University, extension teaching, offers courses in the speaking of Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Danish-Norwegian, Dutch, French, Hungarian, Icelandic, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish and Turkish. Term begins February 9. The secretary of the university will furnish more detailed information to persons interested in these courses.

SIMMONS COLLEGE.

A special course in English for a limited number of students has been opened at Simmons College under instruction of Mrs. William Folson. The course will continue for fifteen weeks, with two and a half hours' exercises each week. It deals with the use of the voice, and aims to point the way through analysis and illustration to improvement in tone, strength and quality, clearness of articulation and vocal endurance. It is of especially practical importance to teachers and others who have to speak to large groups.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL.

At Xavier High School, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, military drill still holds a prominent place, even in peace times. The cadet corps has the proud distinction of being the oldest battalion in New York city, having been established in 1847. The boys visit the Fourteenth Regiment Armory twice weekly, under the direction of Capt. Douglas Donald, U. S. A., who is also military instructor at Peekskill Military Academy. The battalion at Xavier numbers slightly over five hundred boys, in six companies, and a boy band. Xavier finished second last year in the competitive drill held by the high schools of the city, defeating De La Salle, Stuyvesant, De Witt Clinton, the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament and the crack companies of cadets, and being defeated by Mount St. Mary's.

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BROWN UNIVERSITY.

There is a movement on foot at Brown University, Providence, R. I., to found a Brown University School of Sociology in China, to be connected with Shanghai College. The graduates of Brown most interested in the project are Daniel H. Kulp, '15, who has been instructing in social and political science at Shanghai College since his graduation. The movement has received renewed impetus as a result of the recent conference at the Brown undergraduates attending learned what other colleges are doing in China.

The plan is to have Brown take over the sociological department at Shanghai College, which at present gives courses ranging from civics, or elements of community welfare, to social engineering or community organization. Brown would support and man the work, with the control of the school vested in a committee of all persons involved in the arrangement. The members of the staff of the school would have the same status in the faculty of the college as the other teachers. The new members would include both American and Chinese professors, with instructors and assistants as necessary.

Other parts of the programme call for the development of a sociological library at Shanghai, and a travelling library section for workers who might need materials for study. A sociological museum containing anthropological materials, evolution and welfare exhibits is included. Provision would be made for sociological research in order to get facts with regard to Chinese society. The intention is to conduct a sociology bureau along which would endeavor to be "a clearing house in this field between the East and West," to give assistance to social workers; to prepare and conduct exhibits on community development, child welfare, etc.; to translate and spread sociological data to create community consciousness and develop a knowledge of the facts of the American and Chinese life and habits, and possibly to edit a journal of sociology for China.

Brown would procure the funds as soon possible, but until then the authorities of Shanghai College would provide for the cost of development. New buildings would be among the first parts of the programme to be undertaken. The estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.

Although the college authorities have taken no action on the proposed Brown in China it is well known that President William H. P. Fausch has been interested for many years for such a school.

CARNEGIE TECH.

A representative audience, composed of one hundred and fifty scientists of the Pittsburgh district, attended a very interesting lecture on the famous Einstein theory at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Dr. Frank Schlesinger, director of the Allegheny Observatory, was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "The Einstein Theory of the World." The lecture was followed by a general informal discussion of the subject. Prof. Harry S. Fowler, head of the physics department of the institute, arranged the meeting.

A new play, "Betty Juniel," written by Owen White, a student in the Drama School, was at its initial presentation accorded the most enthusiastic reception of the season by the patrons of the school. This performance marked the

of four sub-chairmen, who receive reports from the students under them and in turn report once a month to the head chairman. The four sub-divisions of this committee provide the hospital with twenty-five girls who visit and read to the patients, eleven girls who help in all sorts of work at the almshouse, about thirty who are organized in games, gymnasium work and folk dancing at the Children's Home, and a number who visit at the Old Ladies' Home. Each old lady has two visitors a week, and these students write her letters and send simple presents at Christmas time. A new field has been found for the Extension Committee this year in the case work for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It consists in sending out investigators to make sure that the child labor laws are not broken, either intentionally or otherwise.

The third branch of the social service work, that directed by the People's Institute Committee, is also very closely connected with the city. It consists of teaching and tutoring at the night school of the institute. These night classes all sorts of subjects, and some of the outside activities of longest standing of the Smith students. Another feature has been added this year, however, and that is the managing of children's clubs and classes for dancing, gymnasium work and games. Saturday morning the younger children come for exercise in the gymnasium and also for sewing classes and some kindergarten work. Tuesday afternoon the older children meet for much the same sort of thing, except that they have a dramatic club as well. At the end of the year they all give an outdoor pageant. In the evening the working girls of the city have a gymnasium class that is formed from four girls' clubs and is really separate from the institute.

It is through such channels as these that the undergraduates of Smith College find a means of using to advantage their abilities in the various lines mentioned and of passing on even while they are still studying, some of the great benefits of the broad education that they are receiving from their alma mater.

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PHILLIPS ANDOVER.

At the regular winter meeting of the board of trustees of Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Mass., it was voted to devote a portion of the endowment fund to an increase in the teachers' salaries. A committee was appointed to consider the erection of a new school building, together with a memorial tower for the eighty-three Andover men who were killed in the world war. A committee was also appointed to elect a new member of the board of trustees to replace George B. Knapp, '94, recently deceased.

Archibald Freeman of the faculty, who spent a summer in the Balkans in the Red Cross service, will address a Red Cross meeting in Andover on the Balkan situation. He has recently been made Chevalier of the Order of the Star of Rumania, by the King of Rumania.

Mr. Stuckey, the school minister, who served as chaplain of the 102d Field Artillery, Twenty-sixth Division, has received the French Croix de Guerre. For the winter term Bible and discussion groups have been arranged by a committee of the faculty. A religious organization of the school. The classes are divided into seven groups, under the direction of Principals Stearns and Messrs. Hinman, Stackpole, Tower, Benton, L. C. Newton and M. F. Sides of the faculty.

Andover was well represented in the honor list of the college entrance examinations, five Andover men being among those receiving the highest marks given in the whole country.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Having met the conditions imposed by the General Education Board, Harvard is assured of a new Graduate School of Education. The university has secured in cash and valid pledges another million and a half dollars toward the endowment of the new school, thus satisfying the terms of the board's pledge of half a million dollars. A total endowment of two million for the new school is thus assured.

For many years Harvard has hoped to establish a Graduate School of Education which would place the training of teachers and school officers on a par with the training for other professions. This Graduate School of Education will greatly expand the work of the present division of education at Harvard, the division remaining only for the purpose of giving a few undergraduate courses, chiefly for those who do not intend to teach. The Graduate School will train school and college teachers, school superintendents and normal school teachers; will conduct researches in education, will have its own library, laboratory and model school, and a clinic for the study of children, their growth and development.

Plans for the new school are under way, and it is expected that they will be announced shortly. Considerable interest has been attracted by the question, which is now being discussed whether the new school should be connected with Harvard or whether it should be a separate department of the university does so at present.

The principal fund for the maintenance of the school of education will be the Charles William Eliot Foundation, in honor of President Emeritus Eliot. Dr. Eliot's great services to the schools of the country throughout his long career as president of the university and his membership in the General Education Board will thus be honored and commemorated.

A scholarship has been established at Harvard through the gift of Clifton Rogers Clapp, Harvard, 1884, in memory of his son, Howard Rogers Clapp, who was killed in action in France in November, 1918. The terms of Mr. Clapp's gift stipulate that the income of the Howard Rogers Clapp scholarship fund shall be "paid to a student in the college chosen as much for high character and mental qualities as for excellence in scholarship, preference being given to men descended from at least two grandparents or more remote ancestors who were natives of the United States of America or what is now known as Great Britain."

Howard Rogers Clapp, in whose memory the scholarship is established, attended the Plattsburg camp and the School of Military Aeronautics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1917, and after a year's course of training at Minsk became a member in 1918 of the Twenty-second Aero Squadron, A. E. F. He was killed in action over Yonca, France, November 3, 1918.

Friends of the late Mrs. James Bell of Boston have established in her memory a fund to be called the Helen Choate Bell Fund in the department of English. The prize is to be awarded to any student in Harvard University or in Radcliffe College for merit shown in work connected with American literature—not for mere knowledge of things literary, but for indication of literary expression.

AGRICULTURAL COURSES IN THE SOUTH.

Nearly 50 per cent of all the men actually in training under direction of the Federal Board for Vocational Education in District No. 6, comprising the three States of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, are enrolled in courses in agriculture in the various schools of the district.

The Lydia F. Wadleigh Association of this city was held at Miss Mary Schoonmaker's School for Girls, 245 West End avenue, yesterday afternoon, February 7, to celebrate the anniversary of the founder's birth.

To those who know the history of the founder's life and public work Miss Wadleigh stands and will always be justly honored for the establishment at her own expense—in the equipment in books and other essential requirements of the first department under the public system for the higher education of girls. Her pioneer work ought to be heralded and acknowledged throughout the State at this particular time, for not a man educator in the city of New York either conceived the project, nor, prior to Miss Wadleigh's initial step, had even suggested publicly, the necessity for such an educational advancement for women. Miss Wadleigh was fortunate in having the support of a local board of trustees composed of cultured men of the highest type of citizenship and the finest manhood in their depiction of this woman's great work.

Two of her zealous supporters were the famous Judge Roosevelt and the men who were his friends in their high born American lineage by distinguished descendants in patriotism and royal public service for the public good in this city and country.

The location of Miss Wadleigh's famous school, in Twelfth street west of Broadway, was in a ward of the city where the representative families of old New York then lived and where culture and refinement were the very atmosphere of the neighborhood.

While under Miss Wadleigh's jurisdiction in the days of its prime this famous school was visited by celebrities from every rank of literary and scientific achievement—public spirited leaders, great churchmen, noted jurists, artists, travelers and distinguished women.

Founded in 1858, this old Twelfth Street School, also known as No. 47, became the "mecca of learning," towering in its strength and worth as a beacon light to other schools equally inspired to "carry on" the higher education of women.

Miss Wadleigh was immeasurably blessed in the faculty of high born and cultured women teachers who shared her light to other schools equally inspired to "carry on" the higher education of women.

The Lydia F. Wadleigh Association was organized at the founder's death to perpetuate her noble memory and blessed work.

The organization has one of the largest enrollments of any similar body in the city of New York, and while its members are now widely scattered, its ranks materially thinned, it has always preserved in its local membership a strong and vital working nucleus in the city of New York.

Mrs. P. M. Vidal, a woman of rare executive ability and personal charm, was president of this association. Mrs. Anne Mills is its honored treasurer. Miss Isabel Camp the secretary, through whose efficient records the history of the association is preserved. Miss Mary Schoonmaker is vice-chairman.

The present Wadleigh High School in 114th street, near Seventh avenue, is the first offspring of Miss Wadleigh's

foundation, and its establishment was secured by the very band of loyal, public spirited women who compose the association. A bronze tablet in the main vestibule of the building confirms its name and dedication, and a beautiful stained glass window in the east wing of the main entrance hall immortalizes in its conception of truth and the way to knowledge the power, Miss Wadleigh's guiding spirit to all who hold her in reverent memory. The tablet and memorial window were presented by the association as a token of final gratitude and reverence.

An unusual and fitting programme was arranged for the occasion. Dr. Rowe, the present dean and head of the Wadleigh High School, addressed the association, and displayed a series of enlarged photographs which he took himself of Miss Wadleigh's birthplace and her homestead surroundings. The exhibition was intensely enjoyed, and the dean warmly applauded for his personal interest and production.

The dean also arranged with Miss Catherine Stafford, president of the senior class, to report to the association the progress of the Wadleigh High in its various departments, as well as its affiliations with the activities encouraged and supervised by himself for the general advancement of the high standards for which the school has always been known. Mr. Lewis Burchard an eminent humorist, entertained the members with his delightful reminiscences of his own school days in the same ward where the Wadleigh girls receive their education.

Music Week was most fittingly celebrated by a rare and beautiful programme of vocal and piano solos. Miss R. Miriam Stevens, a graduate of high honors from the N. Y. C. I. Miss Schoonmaker's School for Girls, later a "star" in the honor society of Vassar College, amazed the music lovers gathered at the reception by her skilled technique and marvelous rendering of the piano masterpieces in the repertoire she had selected, and their applause expressed their endorsement.

Miss Denison Dean Dora, also one of Miss Schoonmaker's "star girls," sang a selection of soprano solos in a phenomenal voice that more than echoed the paragon of the concert world. Her charming personality added her vocal powers a crowning combination. Miss Emilia Cecelia Ross, a most winsome brunette, another student on the honor roll of the N. Y. C. I., thrilled her listeners with her rich contralto voice, with its wonderful variations. In the rendering of a most attractive and well chosen selection of favorite vocal compositions, Miss Tracy, a pupil of Miss Dagmar Perkins, contributed as a complimentary offering to the musical programme a delightful series of songs in every shade of humor and pathos in a most fascinating manner. A stringed orchestra supplied by Pinto Bros. played at intervals throughout the afternoon and thus kept "music in the air" in the closing hours of Music Week.

The reunion was pronounced to be the most enjoyable of any recently convened during the period of the late world war.

The reception closed with the usual and customary singing of Miss Wadleigh's favorite "Battle Hymn of the Republic," never more appropriately sung than in this present troublous time of the American Commonwealth.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Five new appointments to the department of home economics have recently been made, as follows: Leona F. Bowman, Evelyn Halliday, Florence B. Klag, Rhyt Woodruff and Mildred Virginia Talbot to instructorships. Other recent appointments include those of Arthur J. Dempster to an assistant professorship in the department of physics, Ben H. Nicolet to an assistant professorship in the department of chemistry, Dr. Thomas G. Allen, secretary of the Haskell Oriental Museum, to an instructorship in the department of Oriental languages and literature, and Dr. Florence E. Richardson, '08, to a lectureship in the School of Commerce and Administration.

The successful authors of the book and lyrics of the new musical comedy to be presented by the Blackfriars at the University of Chicago are Harold Stansbury, '19, and James Shoen, '21. The members of the cast were James Weber Linn and Percy Holmes Boynton of the department of English, Charles Collins, dramatic critic of the Chicago Evening Post, and Roland Holloway, student manager of the play. The comedy, entitled, "Barbara, Behave!" is the sixteenth comic opera to be produced by the Blackfriars at the university and will be presented on May 7, 8, 14 and 15. Last year's play of "The Naughty Nineties," recalling the early years of the university, was one of the most successful of the Blackfriars productions.

Prof. Julius Stieglitz, chairman of the department of chemistry at the University of Chicago, recently appeared before a sub-committee of the United States Senate to give evidence on the importance of establishing American independence in the manufacture of finer chemicals, especially the finer organic chemicals, which in the past have been almost monopolized by Germany. Assistant Prof. Gerald L. Wendt, also of the chemistry department, recently addressed the Western Röntgen Society on "The Physical Factors Underlying the Use of Radium and Radium Emanation."

In a reprint from the forthcoming

annual report of President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago, attention is called to the fact that in the final gift of John D. Rockefeller, December, 1910, it was stipulated that \$1,500,000 should be reserved for the erection of a university chapel. Under the architect appointed, Bertram A. Goodhue of New York, the plans are proceeding steadily. This building, which is expected to be a beautiful specimen of Gothic architecture, will be adapted for all general religious services, and for such formal services as the various convocations. It will be erected on the east side of the block in which the president's house now stands, and will have a tower approximately 215 feet high. The highest towers at present on the quadrangles are those of the Harper Memorial Library, with a height of 135 feet, and the Mitchell Tower, 127 feet in height.

An important announcement is just made at the University of Chicago with reference to the increase in salaries for members of the faculties. The following scale has been adopted by the board of trustees:

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The cooperative plan which has proved so successful in the engineering college of the University of Cincinnati has been extended to the College of Commerce. To make greater the probability of success the cooperative feature of the college was placed under the control of Dean Herman Schneider of the Engineering School. There are now five hundred coops in the commerce college. The upward bound in registration applied to the night as well as to the day colleges. More out of town men and women than ever before are seeking the opportunities furnished by the university for getting an education in the night study. The night college has brought the university into touch with the working people and makes it more popular with the rank and file of the citizenry of the city. Late returns are expected to bring the total enrollment to eight hundred students in the night courses.

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